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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TOUR OF GULF STATES BY PRESIDENT OF
FRANCE

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1. FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT
GISCARD D'ESTAING IS PLANNING TO VISIT GULF STATES
TOWARD THE END OF FEBRUARY, 1976. REPORT MENTIONED
REFTEL WAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE HERE. MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PRESIDENT'S
CALENDAR FOR 1976 DOES NOT INCLUDE TOUR OF GULF STATES.
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2. QUAI DESK OFFICER FOR PERSIAN GULF JEAN BELLIVIER

TOLD US THAT GOF WANTS TO COAST A BIT IN RELATIONS WITH GULF STATES AFTER RECENT FLURRY OF STATE VISITS BY CHIEFS OF STATE FROM KUWAIT, QATAR AND ABUDHABI. AS INDICATED REFTEL, GOF WOULD LIKE TO FILL OUT ITS GULF RELATIONSHIPS BY ARRANGING VISIT OF EMIR OF BAHRAIN, BUT PRESIDENT GISCARD'S CALENDAR IS FULLY BOOKED UNTIL JULY, 1976 AT THE EARLIEST. BELLIVIER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FRENCH-IRANIAN RELATIONS WILL NOT PERMIT A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THE GULF, ESPECIALLY TO SAUDI ARABI, THAT DOES NOT ALSO INCLUDE VISIT TO IRAN. THIS REQUIREMENT, OF COURSE, MAKES PLANNING FOR AGULF VISIT MUCH MORE COMPLICATED.

3. COMMENT: WHILE PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING HAS APPARENTLY HAD HIS FILL OF SUMMITS WITH GULF EMIRS, WE CAN BE SURE THAT MINISTER OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE WILL BE CONTINUING HIS PERMANENT SHUTTLE TO THE AREA TO GRAB OFF AS MANY OF THE AVAILABLE CONTRACTS MENTIONED REFTEL AS POSSIBLE.
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